

Median bank note (state bill) 14¢  
Mexican peso 42¢-National bank  
15¢-Carranza currency 2.99-4.00  
Honey 6¢-Honey quotations 15¢  
Copper 27.50-28.50-40¢-Aluminum  
Livestock steady-Stocks irregular

WEATHER FORECAST.  
El Paso and west Texas fair, rising  
temperatures; New Mexico, fair, cooler.  
Arizona, fair.

# WILSON DRAFTS NEW ARMY PLANS

## DEFENSE IS PROBLEM FOR PRESIDENT

### Hay Pledges President the House Committee's Cooperation in Big Project.

#### NATIONAL GUARD PREPARES BILL

##### Would Place Militia Under Federal Control With the Troops on Pay Basis.

###### WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—

National preparedness problems again held the center of the stage of the congressional committee activity today. Having concluded its hearings on military defense questions, chairman Hay, of the house committee, and his associates on the senate military committee today began framing a bill on the subject.

Chairman Hay and members of the house committee resumed work today of redrafting the house defense bill. The house naval committee today began an exhaustive inquiry into submarine warfare and the alleged shortcomings of American submarines.

**Pledge Cooperation With Wilson.**  
President Wilson today received a letter from chairman Hay, of the house military committee, assuring him of the desire of the committee to work in harmony with him in perfecting the plans for national defense.

The letter was sent in compliance with a resolution adopted by the committee, thanking the president for his confidence expressed in his published correspondence with former secretary of war Garrison leading up to the latter's resignation.

**National Guard Has Bill.**  
The National Guard association has prepared a bill for submission to congress, providing for the placing of the national guard under federal control, increasing the militia to 200,000; effecting a graduated scale of pay ranging from \$300 a year for major generals to \$200 a year for lieutenants, with privates at one-fourth the pay of the regular army, and providing that commissions and promotions shall be granted only after war department examinations.

**Would Abandon Coast Submarines.**  
Abandonment of the coast defense type of submarine was recommended by admiral Grant. Limitation of cruising radius, unsatisfactory and other limitations, he said, made it advisable in future to build only submarines of the 1000-ton fleet submarine type.

**Admiral Grant said he had positive knowledge that German boats 17-29 to U-89, including the largest, were on the surface as against 450 tons for the K boats of the American navy, the largest in the service.**

**Declares for Larger Boats.**  
Admiral Grant thought it unwise to construct any submarine of less than 2000 tons and said that could not be done on a small boat. He urged that the minimum size of future boats be 3000 tons and that they should be built in the United States.

**How German Boats Operate.**  
"For months the big German submarine operated from Iceland as a base, around the coast of Ireland, a round trip of 2700 miles. They returned away from base 21 days unless they had used up their torpedoes. On their return they remained in port 12 days while the crews were overhauled and the crews were given 10 days rest as their cycle of operations was 23 days and a boat remained on its operating ground 15 days."

**Matter of Economy.**  
"If we had no economic troubles and if the K boats could make 21 days on hour, it would require 22 K boats to do what three of the 800-ton U boats did for months. Three U boats cost \$2,500,000 and the 22 K boats \$16,000,000."

**WILSON HAS NOT YET SELECTED WAR SECRETARY**  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—President Wilson reached no decision on whom to appoint secretary of war while he was on his week-end trip down the Potomac, and a successor to former secretary Garrison may not be announced for several days, it was said today.

**Purser Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, was suggested to president Wilson today.**

**THE DAY IN CONGRESS.**  
Senate.  
Discussed conference report on urgent deficiency bill.  
Military affairs committee began executive consideration of army reorganization plans.  
House.  
Read admiral Grant testified before the naval affairs committee that larger submarines were needed by the navy.

## WOMEN'S CLUB STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR FUND FOR HOME ON TUESDAY

TUESDAY morning the El Paso Woman's club will start its campaign of soliciting funds for its new clubhouse. The mark is not at \$25,000.

"This is the only time in our 21 years of existence that the Woman's club has ever gone out in solicit funds from the public for its work," said Mrs. S. H. Sutherland, the president, today.

"We promise that if the response is sufficiently generous, it will be our last. If the response lacks that generosity which we expect from the men of El Paso, we will be out again next fall, for we believe that the men of El Paso will help us to erect this home."

**Under Guard for Weeks, Plant Suddenly Breaks Into Flames, Closes.**  
Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The munition plant of the General Electric company was wrecked by a fire today. The blaze was finally extinguished by the company's private fire department and no report was made to the city police or fire authorities. Officials of the company withheld all information regarding the fire.

The employees of the munition plant were sent home. It was reported that the roof of the building had fallen in and that the walls had been declared unsafe. The plant has been closely guarded for some time.

**WILSON AND VAN DYKE TALK OF TRADE INTERFERENCE.**  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Interference with American trade and mails by the entente allies was discussed today at a conference between president Wilson and Henry Van Dyke, American minister at The Hague. Information was given by Van Dyke in to be made to the United States in framing the note to Great Britain on contraband.

Dr. Van Dyke took the position that American trade with Europe was four-fifths in the hands of the United States. It is understood that he has prepared for presentation to the state department complete figures on American trade with which the United States can meet the contention of Great Britain that goods of a contraband and a conditional contraband nature are finding their way to the Teutonic powers.

**FARMERS WOULD CONTROL DESTRUCTIVE GILA RIVER**  
Rafford, Ariz., Feb. 14.—As the result of a meeting of the Water Users and Farmers' Protective association here, W. W. Pusey is to go to Washington to urge upon Arizona's members of congress the necessity of a \$500,000 appropriation for controlling the Gila river. The river is constantly becoming more serpentine in its course and with every flood period washes away many acres of the best farming land in the valley. During the past 20 days more than 1000 acres have been washed away. In one instance, a man's entire farm was swept away from him.

**AMERICANS IN CANADA ARE TO BE RECRUITED**  
Toronto, Canada, Feb. 14.—Special recruiting offices are to be opened in nine cities of Canada for the purpose of enlisting Americans residing in the dominion for war service. A full scale of Americans is to be recruited, it is announced. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has commissioned Maj. Seymour Bullock, who came here from New York and joined the 97th battalion, American legion, to undertake a Dominion wide campaign.

**AUSTRIA'S NOTICE ON ARMED SHIPS RECEIVED**  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Austria's formal notification of her intention to sink without warning armed merchant ships after March 1 was received today by the state department. It is substantially the same as that received from Germany.

Secretary of state Lansing said no decision had been reached on the attitude of the United States.

**NO VOTE IS ATTEMPTED ON NICHAGUAN TREATY**  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Because many senators are absent from Washington, chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee did not want to take a vote on ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty today and it was not taken up in the senate as had been expected.

Chairman Stone declared he knew nothing of documentary evidence reported to be in possession of his committee tending to reveal plans of German agents in the western hemisphere and the Danish West Indies.

## OHIO DEMOCRATS CAN DOMINATE PRESIDENT

Writes Letter To Ohio Secretary of State, Permitting Use of His Name.

**WILL BE PARTY'S CANDIDATE, BELIEF**  
Name Has Been Placed On Primary Ballots In Several Other States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—President Wilson today formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for renomination for president of the United States.

In a letter to the secretary of state of Ohio, the president stated that he was unwilling to enter a contest for the nomination but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

This was the first time the president has consented formally to have his name used in connection with the nomination. His name has been placed on primary ballots in several states, however, through the activities of friends.

Political advisers and friends of the president have taken for granted for months that he would be the nominee of his party and have made their plans accordingly.

The formal announcement today is expected by Democratic leaders to clarify the political situation throughout the country.

**Los Angeles Likes Tom Lea So Well Nominate Him For The United States Senate**  
Mayor Tom Lea may run for the United States senate. The Los Angeles papers said so and the mayor says it must be true, although the first he heard of it was when he read it on the coast while there on business.

"I am not running for anything, but I don't mind giving the people of El Paso a business administration of the city's affairs," the mayor said Monday.

Where they got that senatorial staff, I do not know. The reporters asked me about everything under the sun but I declined to give the people any more news than I was already giving them.

Major Sebastian and all of the city officials treated me like I had already been elected to the United States senate from California. The mayor placed a big automobile at my disposal, chief of police Stewer gave orders to all traffic police not to arrest me for speeding and I was made welcome to everything in Los Angeles but the city jail.

**Bootleggers Cut Price Of Whisky \$5 a Quart**  
Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 14.—Bootleggers who asked seven dollars a quart for whisky before Saturday, when the Arizona legislature passed a law prohibiting the introduction into Arizona for personal use, now price it at \$2 a quart.

**FORD IS TO ADVERTISE AGAINST PREPAREDNESS**  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—Because he received twelve copies of a newspaper advertising Henry Ford is about to inaugurate a nation wide campaign of advertising against the program for naval and military increases now before congress. He says he will spend millions in a campaign against war and preparedness.

**The War At a Glance**  
ACTIVITY on the major war fronts is confined mainly to northern France. The intensity of the fighting being most pronounced in the Ardennes district where the Germans claim to have made notable gains recently.

In the Balkans the entente forces are reported extending their positions around Saloniki, concentrating troops as far forward as the Bulgarian frontiers.

## TWO ALLIED CRUISERS BLOWN UP; CANADIAN AND TORPEDO WRECK SHIPS

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 14.—Two heavy blows have just been sustained by the fleets of the allies, it became known today. News was received confirming the sinking of the French cruiser Amiral Charner by a submarine on the Syrian coast. It was also announced that the British cruiser Arethusa struck a mine off the east coast of England and was wrecked.

**Half-Hundred Lost.**  
According to information received at the French ministry of marine a raft bearing one live sailor and the bodies of 14 of his companions has been picked up off the coast of Syria. The rescued man said the Amiral Charner was sunk on the morning of February 3. He declared there was no time to use the lifeboats.

**BRITISH SINGLE CRUISER CALLED OFF**  
London, Eng., Feb. 14.—All single British cruisers in the Mediterranean who have not been exempted were today called to the colors.

The first call to married men who attended under the Derby plan is expected in about a month.

**RUMANIA IS IN FAVOR OF ARMED NEUTRALITY**  
Paris, France, Feb. 14.—Rumania stands in favor of joining neither side in the European war, but of standing ready to enforce its neutrality.

The mobilization of the army, advising states, has been completed by calling up a new class and the general staff is finishing defense works along the Carpathians and along the banks of the Danube in the New Dobruja territory. In his last interview with premier Bratianu the Hungarian minister M. Rudoff insisted that Rumania ought to join Bulgaria and Germany for an attack on Russia.

Premier Bratianu answered that Rumania's interests would be served by maintaining armed neutrality.

Confidential sources here are saying that Rumania is re-equipping its army, especially copper, the export of which is prohibited, as well as that of leather.

**LONDONERS URGE GREATER STRINGENCY OF BLOCKADE**  
London, Eng., Feb. 14.—A largely attended meeting for the purpose of urging the government to establish a more effective blockade against the central powers was held in London this afternoon. Baron Devonport, chairman of the House of Commons, presided.

The discussion lingered on the following resolution: "That the meeting of citizens of London, viewing with grave alarm the enormous quantity of commodities reaching the enemy through the North Sea, calls upon his majesty's government to give our navy freedom to exercise fuller and more effective use of our sea power in the war."

**GERMANY MAKES PROPOSAL FOR POLISH AUTONOMY**  
Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 14.—Advices received here state Germany has submitted to the Polish people a proposal to extend autonomy to Poland under German suzerainty. In return Poland would raise an army of 200,000 men for service with the central powers.

Polish leaders in Switzerland say it is imperative for the entente allies to guarantee Poland autonomy, an promise long made by the Russian government. In order to prevent the Poles from accepting the German proposal.

**GREECE, SHORT OF MONEY, WILL PAY SALARIES IN PART**  
Athens, Greece, Feb. 14.—Confronted by financial difficulties, the Greek government contemplates withholding part of the salaries of office holders for the time being, and to levy a tax on profits realized by the merchant marine from the war traffic.

**AVIATOR GRABED WHILE WOUNDED IN WARFARE**  
Hazebrook, France, Feb. 14.—It is announced that Claude Claude, French aviator, has been gravely wounded. There are no details. He was commissioned about a month ago.

**GRAPHOLOGY...**  
The Art of Reading Character From Handwriting  
Fully described, explained and illustrated by Dr. Witt B. Lucas, America's greatest graphologist, in a series of splendid articles prepared expressly for the Week-End Herald, beginning March 4-5.  
These articles will enable you to read your own character, as well as that of others.  
Have Your Handwriting Analyzed  
Clip the coupon printed with each article. Send 50 words in your natural style written in ink on unruled paper. Include a self-addressed and stamped envelope and 50c in silver.  
Mr. Lucas will then mail you an analysis of your traits and personality in your own envelope that will be as valuable as it will be interesting—a most amazingly correct analysis by America's foremost character diagnostician. Send or bring your specimen to the El Paso Herald.

Cooperation of El Paso and Juarez To Conserve Health and Morals Is Wise